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SUBJ: SECRETARY DENT VISIT TO HUNGARY

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1. ASSUMING GOH HAS NO OBJECTION TO SECRETARY DENT MAKING STATEMENT AT AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL (WE RECALL SECRETARY ROGERS' AIRPORT STATEMENT MADE UPON HIS DEPARTURE, NOT ARRIVAL), SECRETARY DENT WILL PLAN TO USE THE FOLLOWING AS HIS STATEMENT:

" I AM DELIGHTED AT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT HUNGARY FOR THE FIRST TIME. OUR RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS AND MY GOVERNMENT ASKED ME TO MAKE THIS VISIT IN SUPPORT OF FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS AND INCREASED TRADE WITH HUNGARY.

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SIGNIFICANT EVIDENCE OF THE IMPROVEMENT IN OUR

RELATIONS IS THE FACT THAT IN THE PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS THE UNITED STATES AND HUNGARY HAVE CONCLUDED FOUR AGREEMENTS SETTLING A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS. IN ADDITION THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS EXCHANGED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE NUMBER OF VISITS BY BUSINESSMEN AND TOURISTS HAS RAPIDLY INCREASED. MY OWN VISIT, COMING LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER THAT OF FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS', DEMONSTRATES OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE FORWARD MOMENTUM WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF TRADE.

I COME, HOWEVER, AT WHAT I KNOW IS A TIME OF PROFOUND SORROW IN HUNGARY AND CONVEY TO YOU OUR DEEP SYMPATHY AT THE TRAGIC AND SHOCKING LOSS OF YOUR DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PETER VALYI. HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WAS A MAJOR ONE AND HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO CORDIAL AND PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TIMAR, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE BIRO, AND OTHERS WHILE I AM HERE. I HOPE THAT MY VISIT WILL MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN HUNGARY AND THE UNITED STATES."

END OF STATEMENT.

2. BELIEVE OTHER TOPICS RAISED REFTEL CAN BEST BE COVERED IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT OR PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER OFFICIAL TALKS HAVE BEEN HELD. RUSH

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